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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Wittstock airfield between 7 and 28 January 1955:

7 to 11 January. There was no air activity.

12 January. Throughout the day until about 1500, there was individual flying by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. Air activity in the afternoon included the attacking of air sleeves and intensive local flying. After air activity, the aircraft were towed to the area east of the hangars by truck and were immediately refueled from the tank trucks. At the same time one MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 was towed to, and parked next, to the 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s of the alert flight. At 1600, a total of 29 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s was parked on the landing field, including: the alert flight of 5 near the eastern end of the runway, 15 east of the hangars, 8 in front of the hangars and 1 in the southwestern corner of the field.

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13 and 15 January. MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced individual flying.

16 and 17 January. There was no air activity.

18 January. One high-wing monoplane and one Li-2 landed.

19 January. At about noon, one Li-2 took off.

20 to 22 January. MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced individual flying.

25 to 27 January. There was no air activity.

28 January. At about 1230, a strong noise of running jet engines was heard from the field. Between 1300 and 1400, 5 high-wing monoplanes took off and disappeared in the direction of Wittstock. Beginning about 1400, 8 Il-28s took off at intervals of 5 to 10 minutes and headed toward the southwest. Shortly before the last Il-28 took off another Il-28 crossed over the field, coming from the direction of Berlinchen and headed in the direction of Wittstock. At about 1515, the loud noise of aircraft engines was heard from the field. At 1530, 9 Il-10s were parked in a row in front of the western hangar. The aircraft had a dark-green coat

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of paint. Three men were seen next to one of the Il-10s, which were not seen taking off again.

2. The umbrella-shaped antenna and the mast with the unidentified antenna were still seen on the hill, 500 meters southwest of the field. A Fishnet-type radar set was seen near the bunker southwest of the field. Possibilities of observation were limited. Between 1230 and 1300 on 28 January, the Token-type radar set on Rockstedter Berg (hill) was not in operation. At 1430, when the Il-28s took off the set slowly rotated clockwise.
3. On 28 January, 6 x 37-mm AA guns were still seen in emplacements in the southwestern corner of the field, 150 to 200 meters distant from Roebeler road. At about 1300, the guns were not covered by tarpaulins. An aircraft model was seen on a pole, about 6 meters high, between the emplacements and the landing field. It was believed that this model served for aiming practices. Four to 6 men with shovels and picks at each of the guns were doing earthwork. At about 1530,³ the AA guns were covered with tarpaulins and guarded by two sentries.
4. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 7 and 23 January:

7 to 11 January. There was no air activity.

12 January. Between 1000 and 1130, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s crossed over the town of Wittstock at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. At 1410 and 1415, one MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s each took off and headed toward southwest. The aircraft were refitted with auxiliary fuel tanks.

14 January. At about 1400, jet engines were repeatedly run up for 2 to 3 minutes. The snow was cleared from the runway by a snow plough which was pulled by a tractor. The operation lasted about half an hour. No aircraft were seen on the runway.

15 January. Two MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off and landed again after two local flights.

16 and 17 January. There was no air activity.

22 January. At 1330, 9 Il-10s were parked in front of the western hangar. Until about 1630, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off individually, disappeared toward the west and returned after about 10 minutes.

23 January. Nine Il-10s which were covered by tarpaulins were still parked in front of the western hangar. Nine MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the eastern end of the runway. There was no air activity.¹
5. The umbrella-shaped antenna and the unidentified antenna were still seen on the hill southwest of the field. The Token-type and the Fishnet-type radar sets were seen on Rockstedter Berg. Three radio trucks were still seen near the runway about in the middle of the landing field. One of the radio trucks mounted a rotatable device resembling a searchlight. No radio or radar installation was seen on Scharfenberg south of Wittstock. An umbrella-shaped antenna was seen near the flight control station.²
6. On 15 January, 6 soldiers were seen at an AA gun in the emplacement in the southwestern corner of the field.³

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7. In January, it was rumored in the town of Wittstock that a number of bombers had arrived at the field and had been seen in activity. Personnel, presumably officers, wearing [redacted] the seats and fur jackets as used by flying personnel were repeatedly seen in town. The personnel wore caps which were [redacted] on top, trimmed with astrakhan, and had a large golden insignia on the front side and a red stripe, about 1 cm wide. The personnel used the bus serving the airfield. [redacted] new soldiers had arrived and [redacted] the Soviet craftsman combine was very busy.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Wittstock airfield is believed to be still occupied by one fighter regiment. During the army maneuvers in the Wittstock-Schweinrich-Perleberg area between 20 and 28 January 1955, additional units were stationed there. A total of 5 high-wing monoplanes, 9 Il-28s, 9 Il-10s and 29 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were observed at the field. MiG-15 No 720 was repeatedly seen at the field.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The three radio trucks including one mounting a rotatable antenna probably represent a radar landing aid. The radio trucks were repeatedly reported [redacted] All other radio and radar installations mentioned were reported previously. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The AA gun emplacement [redacted] southwestern corner of the field was reported previously [redacted] aircraft model [redacted] was also reported from other airfields.

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4. [redacted] Comment. Observations made in the town of Wittstock were connected with the maneuvers. The red stripes on the caps are probably a party emblem. This type of cap is reported for the first time.

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